

SPORTING

SOME FIGHT PROMOTERS
HAVE HAD LOWLY STARTS

Those fight promoters have created a sensation. When the big day came and New York was buzzing with excitement, every one was saying (that is, every one above the teething stage at all interested in fighting):

"Who is Tom McCarey? Who is this Tex Rickard everyone is chattering about? Where does Hugh McIntosh get off to butt in the papers?"

Well, here is a line on the promoting men:

Tom McCarey is a near millionaire, and he started in Los Angeles driving a laundry wagon. He is now director in the same laundry company for which he drove a wagon.

Jim Coffroth used to be a politician in Frisco, but got into the fight game through Jim Keane, and has handled more fights than any other one promoter in the world.

Ed Graney, another coast product, graduated from a blacksmith to a prize fighter, and then took to promoting. He has done well. Graney has refereed more fights than any other one man, save Charley White.

Tex Rickard, who hails from Salt Lake City, hopped into the game when he pulled off the Gans-Nelson fight at Goldfield. Tex had always been a sporting man, hence his elevation.

Hugh McIntosh, of the wide, wide world, has ever had a leaning towards sport. Hugh's biggest stunt was to pull off the Johnson-Burns fight in Australia, although he has promoted series of others in Great Britain and the colonies. Hugh is at home wherever he hangs up his hat. One month he is promoting a fight in Sydney; next month he is getting ready to pull off a grand row in London; next month he is in Paris, and next he turns up in Pretoria, or Frisco, or New York.

Jack Gleason is another coast sporting man, better, horse race follower and all round sport who got into the promoting business. Jack is there with a roll as big as any of them.

Sam Harris, partner of George M. Cohan, was another who used to drive a laundry wagon. He made a fortune out of Terry McGovern, and doubled it in theatricals.

FRANK GOTCH MAY QUIT.

Thinks He is Getting Too Heavy for the Wrestling Game.

Frank Gotch is beginning to think of quitting the wrestling game. When in Cleveland last week he said:

"About two more big matches and I guess I'll quit for good. I have threatened to do so for a year or so now, but it is great fun going about the country and meeting all comers. But as long as I pose as the champion and anyone comes along who looks as if he had a chance to take the title away from me, I will wrestle him. But about two more hard matches and I will be willing to let someone else take the championship."

Gotch does not say so, but he has been systematically training to tackle the huge foreigners who have been invading America. When Gotch wrestled Jenkins and won the championship a few years ago, he weighed a trifle under 200 pounds. Now he weighs close to 230 pounds.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CONFERENCE "BIG EIGHT"
MAY BAR WOLVERINE TEAM

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Football coaches and managers of the conference schools will meet at the Auditorium hotel next Thursday to settle definitely the inter-collegiate turmoil over next season's battles. The question of Michigan games and problems bearing on the continuance of friendly relations in the "Big Eight" will be up for decision.

The local athletic authorities received their notifications this week. Behind the ostensible purpose of the gathering is the question whether any of the Big Eight schools will follow Minnesota's lead in playing the Wolverines will come to a show-down.

While the coaches will not enter into any open negotiations regarding the undesirability of playing Michigan it will be understood that no school should give Michigan a date in any branch of sport until she returns to the conference. Minnesota may be given a hint that she should not renew her contract with Michigan, it is thought.

The Gopher action in playing Michigan at this time has never been quite understood by some of the schools and it is possible that the Gophers will at least be asked to explain.

OTTAWA REGISTERS KICK.

Hockey Team Wants to Play in Same League With Wanderers.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The present situation in the Canadian hockey world is far from satisfactory to the Ottawas and it is fully expected that before January comes around there will be a shake-up. The fact that Wanderers are in the National League is disappointing, for Ottawa and Wanderers were the biggest drawing cards in either Ottawa or Montreal. The efforts of the Ottawas, therefore, are being directed towards the breaking up of both leagues and the formation of one strong league.

It is regarded as certain that this will be accomplished. A delegation from Ottawa will visit Montreal early this week and open negotiations. The feeling here is that Ottawa would prefer to be in the same league with the Wanderers, and as this feeling grows, it is possible that a one-league situation will be effected by the defection

ANGELL FAVORS FOOTBALL.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Football as played at the present time is all right, in the opinion of Prof. James B. Angell, for thirty-eight years the head of the University of Michigan, the football team of which has been recognized as supreme in the western country. Prof. Angell, who is here on personal business, does not believe that there is any necessity for revision, although he acknowledges he is no longer connected with the Ann Arbor institution, and, therefore, cannot speak with authority. In football matters the educator gave the impression plainly that he is a "standpatter."

NELSON TO MEET WELSH.

But Nelson is evidently sincere in the statement that he is going to fight Freddie Welsh over in England. For the time being he has secured the services of Harry Tutbill, the well known trainer, who was with the Detroit Tigers last year, to train him for the battle. But has been taking things easy and will have to work hard to get into condition for the bout.

Tutbill is going to England with Bat and will be his chief adviser in the battle. Bat is going to cut out the stage work after next week and will sail at once, so that he can get the proper amount of training over on the other side.

STAGG NOT SATISFIED.

Coach A. A. Stagg returned to the University of Chicago campus with a bunch of qualified compliments for the game of Canadian Rugby football he saw in New York last Saturday. He characterized the spectacle as fast and interesting at times, but old-fashioned and lacking in science.

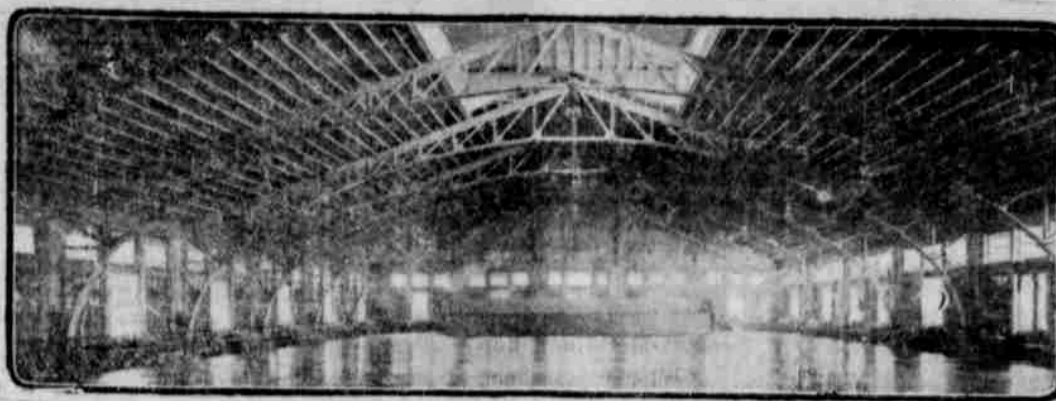
The Maroon coach gave out a careful statement, in which he refrained from going on record as for or against the Canadian game, but in which he outlined the essential features of the play for the benefit of western rooters. Coach Stagg wished to hear criticisms and arguments over the game, which he believes is practically unknown in this section.

Coach Stagg was not impressed by the game on many technical points. He found the play of the backs slow and without spirit, the charging slow and the tackling without aggressiveness.

Calculating Meanness.
"I suppose you heard what Meanley did in church last Sunday when the plate came round to him? 'Dropped a button in it, I suppose.' 'Worse than that, he leaned over and whispered: 'I paid the pastor's cat fare yesterday. We'll call it square.'"
—Catholic Standard and Times.

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Where National Bowling Tourney Will Be Held



FIRST PICTURE OF HALL WHERE NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT SOON WILL BE IN FULL SWING

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17.—The National beautiful and commodious hall in Detroit. It is located on the banks of the city. The building is 30x300 feet, well heated, ventilated and lighted.

Real Secret of "Uncle Joe's" power revealed.



(By Ward.)

Washington, Dec. 13.—Come all ye patriots who would know the real secret of Uncle Joe's power! He has been using stovaine on his constituents and members of congress for the last 34 years and this is why he is still here. No, kind friend, stovaine is not a brand of stove polish. It is the new anesthetic used so successfully by Dr. Jonnoso, the Roumanian, who demonstrated its practicability in New York last week. Stovaine has the same effect on the patient as opium but the

patient under the knife knows what is going on all the while. Now just between us girls, Uncle Joe is the real originator of stovaine and is the first man to apply it to politics, so the story goes in hotel lobbies. At least 34 years before the Roumanian scientist made a practical test, Uncle Joe was using it effectively on his constituents. Some of his patients have not taken kindly to the dose but Dr. Cannon has continued his practice with varying degrees of success for almost a life time.

Now that the truth is out about the speaker it is highly probable that the new anesthetic will be used in the senate and in cabinet circles. The "standpatters" would like to try it out on MacVeagh this very hour. This brings out some interesting gossip of importance. MacVeagh ran down to Boston and fired a few shots which are being "heard around the world." Among other things, he said that the republican party has faced about and is marching from a high to a low tariff. All Washington is asking

whether MacVeagh spoke as an oracle of the organization or merely expressed his personal opinion. That he won for himself a strong following by his radical declaration is evidenced by the fact that he is still receiving telegrams of congratulation. That he should make this declaration on the very day the president sent his message to congress, is deemed a remarkable coincidence. It is also whispered that certain Chicago politicians are taking a very deep interest in the career of MacVeagh and—speak in whispers—are actually grooming him for the presidential race in 1912. His activity in the sugar trust investigation and his position on the tariff, it is said, is making him the one great western favorite. President Taft in his message, was silent on both questions and the wise ones are asking if it isn't about time for some of the special message hot shot.

The election of Senator H. B. Money of Mississippi as minority leader in the upper house, came as a surprise as Senator Bailey, but is giving general satisfaction. Senator Money has been suggested time and again for the proposed tariff commission and this is taken as an indication that the democrats are going to take advantage of the division in the ranks of the enemy and push the tariff issue.

SILK SPECIAL LIMITED.

A Transcontinental Train Which
Has Absolute Right-of-Way.

When a fast mail steamer from Yokohama, Shanghai or Canton—the great silk ports of the orient—docks at Vancouver, Tacoma, Seattle or San Francisco, a special train stands ready on the pier awaiting her arrival. It is not the private conveyance of some transportation king or multi-millionaire or of any of the passengers who throng the decks; nor does it carry for the sacks of letters from the far east. Its coaches do not shine with the refulgence of varnish and plate glass. Their paint is dull and they are windowless like express cars. The side doors toward the ship are open. This special is the emperor of trains. It is reserved for the comfort of all freight—raw silk. When it starts eastward its lading will be worth a fortune—a million and a half, perhaps \$2,000,000.

A giant locomotive, built for speed, with driving wheels greater in diameter than the height of a tall man, backs down and is coupled on to the cars, now sealed and locked and ready. With clanging bell and hissing steam the train glides out and, with a burst of speed that seems almost exultant, takes the main-line rails for the long journey. The silk must be landed in New York in five days. Even the United States mails will not travel faster across the continent. Day and night the silk train rushes eastward over mountains and plains, across deserts and through great cities. It never stops except to change engines. Then it halts only for a moment. Another giant locomotive, oiled and groomed and fit, is always waiting to take up the race.

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GOLD A FAVORITE COLOR.

Much Used in House Decorations and Dress Accessories.

There is a revival of gold this season, not only in dress accessories but also in nearly every department of house decoration.

There are gorgeous gold slippers and stockings to match, gold embroidered veils and long shawls in net and chiffon cloth, gold turban ornaments and plumes, belt buckles and bags. The mesh chain bags are not new, but the bags composed of a mass of gold spangles are novel and decorative. Whatever the foundation material happens to be it is completely masked with the gold spangles.

There are stunning bags made on a foundation of brocaded satin, white and gold, the latter picked out in arabesque of gold cord and embroidery. Most of the designs are French and as ornate as the Louis XVI. models from which they are copied.

Old fashioned gold banded china has come again, and to correspond other table decorations are ornamented with gold. A new French ware is shown in which the foundation of crystal or porcelain is set in baskets of French gilt. There are rose baskets for the center of the table, individual almond and bon bon dishes and fruit dishes, as well as card trays and other ornamental pieces for the drawing room.

Toilet articles in bright gold without other ornamentation than a monogram are superseding the silver and ivory goods for those who can afford them. Gold handled umbrellas both for men and women are in again and put the simple mission sticks in evidence for the last year or so into the shade.

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Worth \$10, sale price\$7.49
Worth \$8.00, sale price\$6.49
Worth \$7.50, sale price\$4.69
Worth \$6.00, sale price\$4.49
Worth \$5.00, sale price\$2.98

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Worth \$19.50, sale price \$13.89
Worth \$16.00, sale price \$11.38
Worth \$13.00, sale price ...\$8.98
Worth \$10.00, sale price ...\$5.98
Worth \$8.00, sale price ...\$4.49

Misses' Coats

Worth \$13.50, sale price ...\$9.49
Worth \$12.00, sale price ...\$8.49
Worth \$11.00, sale price ...\$7.98
Worth \$10.00, sale price ...\$6.89

Ladies' Skirts

Worth \$18.00, sale price ...\$8.89
Worth \$15.50, sale price ...\$6.17
Worth \$7.50, sale price ...\$4.79
Worth \$6.00, sale price ...\$4.13

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